

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit 3728
Appln. No.	:	09/937,016)
) Examiner Jila Mohandesi
Docket No.	:	P21432)
) Confirmation No. 3081
Customer No.	:	7055)
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I.A. Filed	:	January 22, 2001)
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Title	:	MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING)
		AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT)
		FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR,)
		SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT)

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
 220 20th Street South
 Customer Window, Mail Stop *Amendment*
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
 Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

For reasons explained in the "Remarks" section below, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections, and the allowance of the instant application.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

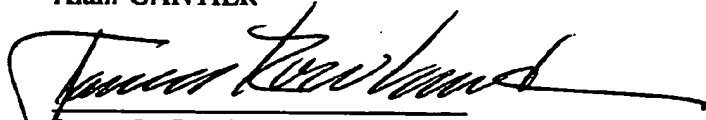
Entry of the amendment is requested, together with reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for reasons of record and for additional reasons advanced above.

No fee is believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for acceptance of this reply as timely and complete to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Further, although no extension of time is believed to be necessary at this time, if it were to be found that an extension of time were necessary to render this reply timely and/or complete, Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) in the necessary increment(s) of month(s) that would render this reply timely and/or complete and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary extension of time fee under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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